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Presentment of Grand Jury of August Term of Court.

To His Honor, J. W. DeVore, Presiding Judge, August Term of Court, Edgefield, S. C.

We beg leave to report that we have passed on all bills and matters in general that have come before us.

The special committee appointed at the March Term of Court to investigate the crossing at Salter's Mill pond have reported that they did have the crossing at this dam made as safe as possible and practicable to do so. They further report that it would be a saving of considerable money to the county to have steel beams used in the bridge at this place and we so recommend to the Supervisor that these steel beams be placed there as soon as possible. You will find attached hereto a full and complete report from the various committees appointed to look into the affairs of the county. These committees were appointed at the March term of Court and have severally and separately made reports that were approved by the Grand Jury as a whole.

We desire to say that upon investigation we are pleased to find that the recommendations of the Grand Jury in reference to the much needed repairs upon the Jail and Court House have been complied with by the officials that had this matter in charge.

We wish to impress upon the various officials of the county our desire that the prohibition laws be enforced as far as it is possible to do so, we commend such action as has been displayed in the past and take this means and method of urging that there be no cessation in the matter.

In conclusion, we desire to thank your Honor, the Solicitor and other Court officials for the assistance rendered us in the discharge of our duties and for all the other courtesies and kindnesses extended us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. LOTT,
Foreman Grand Jury, Edgefield Co.
To J. A. Lott, Foreman Grand Jury,
Edgefield County, S. C.

Sir:—
At your request and by direction of the State Bank Examiner I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the county officers of Edgefield County and herewith submit report of same:

County Treasurer's Office.
The County Treasurer's office is the receptacle for all funds raised by taxation for State, County and School purposes, and of all costs, fines and fees collected by various other county offices payable to the county. In checking this office it becomes necessary to check against the Clerk of Court's office for fines, licenses and costs collected by the Clerk; to check against the Probate Judge's office for marriage license; to check against the County Superintendent of Education's office for special funds paid in through him

by patrons and on the Comptroller General's warrant by the State Supt. of Education and by the County Supervisor from sale of products and sundry other sources.

I found the items reported from these various sources correctly charged by the County Treasurer and fully accounted for.

Incidentally, I made up the annual settlement sheets, charging the County Treasurer with all abstracts of taxes and penalties as made out by the auditor, together with the fines, costs, fees and incidental items collected through other offices. I gave him all credits due and ascertained his cash balances. State, County and Schools, which I found were fully and accurately covered by his balances in bank as of June 30th, 1916, the close of the fiscal year.

I did not go into the bonded indebtedness of certain townships of Edgefield County, incurred many years ago, in the effort to build a railroad, nor into the bonded indebtedness of certain school districts, incurred in the building and equipping of school houses, further than to ascertain what bonds and coupons had been paid off, and for which the Treasurer was entitled to credit.

The county as a whole is practically out of debt, owing only the money borrowed for current expenses, to wit: \$25,000.00 for county purposes borrowed May 24, 1916, and \$8,000.00 for school purposes, at or about that date.

At the close of business June 30th, 1916, there were cash balances in the County Treasurer's hands as follows:

For all school purposes .. \$1,092.39
For all county purposes .. \$19,492.12
For all State purposes .. \$25.45

Total \$21,409.97

This amount we found to be in bank on the date named.

The County Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Mims, is exceedingly careful in the discharge of his official duties as is attested in the very accurate balancing of his books and accounts with his cash in bank.

The Auditor's Office.

The Auditor's office, is, accurately speaking the most important of all county offices, for in a sense, the Auditor is responsible for the conduct of all other county offices, in so far as they collect funds destined for the county treasury. The Auditor, however, does not handle any public funds, and it is only with his efficiency as a tax assessor and an accountant of county funds of whatever nature that we may speak of him.

The County Auditor, Mr. J. P. Timmerman, is an efficient and faithful officer, fully capable of the work in hand. I find that he is well advanced with his tax duplicate for the present year, having a fair prospect of completing his tax abstract along with the first in the State.

Clerk of Court's Office.

While the scope of my investigations did not include the work of the Clerk of Court, as such, and as Reg-

ister of Mesne Conveyance, I may say that a casual inspection of the work of the incumbent, Mr. W. B. Cogburn, convinced me that he is thoroughly competent. In checking the fines collected by the Clerk, the original court record covering the period from July 1st, 1916, was examined, which was found to agree to a cent with the receipts held by the Clerk from the County Treasurer.

Office of Probate Judge.

What has been said of the Clerk's office may be said in large measure of the Probate Judge's office. This office collects only marriage licenses for which it is accountable to the County Treasurer. I found all marriage licenses, for the period above mentioned, had been turned over to the County Treasurer after deducting the Probate Judge's fees. I found that in lieu of bond in the matter of certain trust funds in the hands of certain guardians or trustees, the Probate Judge has accepted certificates of deposit to be held by him. These certificates were exhibited to me, and satisfactory evidence furnished that the trust funds are safely guarded. The Probate Judge, Mr. W. T. Kinnaird, was courteous and obliging in giving us all needed information as to these matters.

Master's Office.

Mr. J. H. Cantelou, the incumbent of the Master's office for something more than a year, is peculiarly fitted in point of ability for the duties incumbent upon him. A careful checking of all cases that have been settled by him, as Master, shows that despite the fact that he has been in ill health, his duties have not been neglected in any particular. I find that he has correctly disbursed such funds as have come into his hands, in as far as has been possible in compliance with the law, and that all balances in his hands are accounted for either in securities or in bank.

Supervisor's Office.

The accounts in the County Supervisor's office were checked with the vouchers of the County Treasurer's office by a sub-committee of the Grand Jury. They were found to agree except as to one small claim for which duplicate orders had been issued to different parties, the details of which are in your hands as foreman of the Grand Jury.

The incumbent of the County Supervisor's office, Mr. A. A. Edmunds, has made a good showing as an economist and may very justly claim that the county is practically out of debt, except for current expenses.

County Superintendent of Education's Office.

The duplicate school claims issued from the County Superintendent Education's office, like those issued the County Supervisor's office, were checked and compared by your sub-committee of the Grand Jury and found to be correct duplicates of the vouchers paid by the County Treasurer. Mr. W. W. Fuller, the

County Superintendent of Education has his work well in hand, and keeps a neat and accurate record of available school funds and claims issued thereon.

Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff, Mr. W. R. Swearingen, is responsible to the county only for collections on tax executions placed in his hands for collection. I find that he has been diligent in the collection of these executions, and to the County Treasurer for all delinquents collected, that should have been reported prior to the annual settlement. He also seems to be making satisfactory progress in collecting the 1915 delinquents, which will be reported in the next annual settlement. Mr. Swearingen is a prompt and efficient officer.

While this report does not particularize as to the receipts and disbursements of the various county officers, these items are fully covered in the annual settlements which I made up for the County Treasurer, and which has been approved by the Comptroller General and is now on file in his office.

Generally speaking I report that the duties of county officers of Edgefield County are being faithfully and honestly administered, in so far as the financial affairs of those offices are concerned. This I conceived to be the scope of examination, to which I have attempted to adhere in this report.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. BRADLEY,
State Auditor.

Committee's Report on County Home

We, the Grand Jury, beg leave to report that we have made the annual inspection of the County Home and find as follows:

Inmates.

Seven whites, nine colored. All inmates seem to be perfectly contented with the treatment received at the hands of the superintendent and his thoughtful wife.

Condition of Premises.

We find all buildings in good condition and nicely kept, with the exception of one which needs repairing.

Live Stock.

Two mules, two horses, five milch cows, three yearlings, twenty-three hogs, ten of which will be ready for butchering for the coming season.

Wagons and Farm Implements.

We find on the premises two wagons and necessary farm implements, all in good condition, and well taken care of. The Superintendent has furnished the County Chain Gang three thousand bundles of fodder, also a quantity of hay.

Crops For the Year 1916.

Fifty (50) acres in corn, six acres in cotton, twenty acres in Peavine hay, two acres in sweet potatoes. All crops look well and bid fair to make large yield.

We hereby wish to commend most favorably the energy and management with which our faithful Super-

intendent is discharging his duty.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. MUNDY,
E. R. CLARK,
W. L. HOLSON,
Committee.

Your committee on roads, bridges and chain gang beg to make the following report:

We have inspected all of the bridges and ferries and two chain gangs. We find twenty mules in good condition, four 4 horse wagons, one 2 horse wagon, two 1 horse wagons, two scrapes, two sets of shop tools all in good condition, 20 convicts who seem to be well cared for. We recommend that the ferry at Steens Creek, Shaws Mill, be fixed so that teams may not back off of same and that posts be put in to support cable and a new crab be built. We find the bridges of the county are in good condition, except the bridge across Mill Creek on Martintown road; we find it in a dangerous condition and recommend that this be repaired at once and that approach to the south end of bridge be changed so as to make it safer to the approach which is now dangerous. We recommend that the bridge across Shavers Creek on Five Notch Road be built new and that the bridge across Horns Creek near the mouth be repaired and that bridge also on Horns Creek near the church on old stage road be rebuilt and that the bridge across Log creek on the Blocker road be repaired; it is in need of new sleepers. We have been advised by the Supervisor that lumber is being cut for the bridge at Horns Creek church and that lumber has been hauled for the repair of bridge at Mill Creek on Martintown road.

(Signed) C. C. JONES,
Chairman of Committee.

Polling Places and Managers for the Primary Election of the Democratic Party of Edgefield County for the Year 1916.

Bacon—Polling place, Bouknight's Store. Managers, H. H. Herlong, J. G. Berry, B. T. Huiet, Clerk, G. W. Wright.

Calhoun—Polling place, Rhoden's Stable. Managers, J. A. Lott, Wilbur Yonce, W. H. Carpenter, Clerk, A. M. Clark.

Cleveland—Polling place, C. C. Jones' Store. Managers, T. B. Talbert, W. F. West, Donald Smith, Clerk, C. C. Jones.

Colliers—Polling place, Mathis Store. Managers, Murphey Miller, Joe Hammond, Crafton Hammond, Clerk, Wallace Prescott.

Edgefield No. 1—Polling place, N. G. Evans office. Managers, W. L. Holson, E. J. Norris, W. T. Kinnaird, Clerk, W. W. Fuller.

Edgefield No. 2—Polling place, Court House. Managers, W. A. Strom, L. Y. Bryan, C. W. Watson, Clerk, J. W. Kemp.

Lee—Polling place, G. P. Cobb's Store. Managers, John Wright, O. W. Watson, B. C. Berry, Clerk, W.

P. Cassells.

Long Branch—Polling place, Long Branch School House. Managers, Luther Yonce, James Temples, D. G. Derrick, Clerk, E. L. Scott.

Meeting Street—Polling place, T. A. Owdom's Store. Managers, W. M. Ransom, M. A. Watson, G. B. Timmerman, Clerk, J. K. Allen.

Meriwether—Polling place, Meriwether Hall. Managers, M. L. Bunch, R. W. Glover, H. F. Cooper, Clerk, J. T. Reece.

Moss—Polling place, W. T. Reel's Store. Managers, R. C. Griffiths, J. P. Brunson, W. B. Morgan, Clerk, A. Baron Holmes.

Pleasant Lane—Polling place, F. L. Timmerman's Store. Managers, C. H. B. Williams, E. B. Williams, E. M. Timmerman, Clerk, M. B. Byrd.

Red Hill—Polling place, Red Hill School House. Managers, C. L. Mathis, J. L. Bailey, O. O. Timmerman, Clerk, H. E. Quarles.

Ropers—Polling place, Ropers Store. Managers, W. J. Lanham, J. D. Boswell, P. B. Lanham, Jr., Clerk, R. A. Timmerman.

Shaw—Polling place, Wise's Old Store. Managers, W. H. Moss, P. J. Coleman, J. M. Long, Clerk, L. C. Eidson.

Talbert—Polling place, Rock Hill School House. Managers, R. T. West, T. C. Winn, J. C. C. Seigler, Clerk, J. D. Hughey.

The Managers shall open the polls at 8 o'clock a. m., and close them at 4 o'clock p. m. Only those voters whose names appear on the club roll for each club will be allowed to vote.

B. E. NICHOLSON,
County Chairman.

Aug. 7, 1916.

AGENCY

People's Oil Company

I take this means of announcing that I have acquired the Edgefield agency for the People's Oil Company, and shall be pleased to serve all of the patrons of Mr. John R. Tompkins, my predecessor, and also add many new ones to my list. I can supply Kerosene, Gasoline and Lubricating Oils at all times. We make a specialty of serving garages and ginneries.

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